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SUBJECT: SALE OF F-5S TO SUDAN: FINANCING CONSIDERATIONS

REF: STATE 306015

1. I MET AT MY REQUEST WITH MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS FRANCIS DENG THIS MORNING, DECEMBER 28. I SAID THAT I WAS ACTING WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS BUT WANTED TO EXPLORE PERSONALLY WITH HIM WHAT COULD DEVELOP INTO A PROBLEM IN OUR RELATIONS. I THEN REVIEWED POINTS COVERED IN PARAS 2 AND 3 OF REFTEL.

2. DENG LISTENED CAREFULLY AND ASKED A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS. HE WONDERED WHETHER, IF THE USG SHARED SUDAN'S PERCEPTION OF THE SOVIET THREAT TO THE HORN AND THE MIDDLE EAST, THE USG MIGHT NOT BE PREPARED TO ASSIST SUDAN MORE DIRECTLY IN ITS MODEST EFFORT TO MODERNIZE ITS ARMED FORCES. I MADE IT CLEAR THAT THIS WAS NEITHER A LIKELY NOR A TIMELY PROSPECT. LEGISLATION WOULD PROBABLY BE REQUIRED AND THE OUTCOME WOULD BE MOST UNCERTAIN. DENG SAID HE WAS UNAWARE OF THE NATURE AND MAGNITUDE OF THE SAUDI COMMITMENT TO ASSIST THE SUDAN. HE WOULD, HOWEVER, BRING THE CONSIDERATIONS I HAD EXPRESSED TO THE ATTENTION OF PRESIDENT NIMEIRI.

3. COMMENT: THIS LATTER WAS PRECISELY THE OBJECT OF THE
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EXERCISE. NIMEIRI HANDLES THE SAUDI RELATIONSHIP HIMSELF AND PLAYS IT VERY CLOSE TO HIS CHEST. I WANTED TO INJECT A LITTLE REALISM INTO THE SITUATION AS NIMEIRI AND HIS GENERALS PONDER THEIR RESPONSE TO THE SURVEY TEAM REPORT. BERGUS

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